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**JOHNSON DECORATES
RABORN, HAILS C.I.A.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)

President Johnson defended the Central Intelligence Agency today as he decorated Adm. William F. Raborn Jr., who recently retired as the agency's director.

He expressed "deep confidence in the expert and dedicated service of personnel" of the agency.

"They work in silence," he said. "Sometimes they fail in silence. More often they succeed in silence."

"Sometimes they suffer in silence, for occasionally they are subject to criticism which they must not answer."

The national security medal was awarded to Admiral Raborn in a ceremony in the White House East Room. Mr. Johnson noted that Admiral Raborn had had a distinguished naval career, including the direction of the development of the Polaris submarine.

The President said that when Admiral Raborn had been called out of retirement last year to direct the agency, the admiral had stipulated only that he be relieved when a permanent director was chosen.